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**THE WILMINGTON RING.**  
The developments which are being daily made in the city of St. Louis, in regard to the frauds practised upon the Internal Revenue by the distillers of the West, still continue to collect about the head of the President of the United States a cloud of suspicion which will be difficult to drive away.

It is not that I accused the President of having taken the frauds upon his shoulders, but that I accused him of having allowed them to be committed. I did not sneer. What I did was to denounce the revocation of the order of Douglas by the President as a fraudulent act, and to show that it was done for political motives, and I only regretted that in the country corrupt men could use party considerations for their own ends so coolly. I charged that the President acted dishonestly, but only that he acted as a partisan, and that through allowing himself to be used as a party tool he had perpetrated the Whiskey Ring in St. Louis.

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**MURDOCH'S IDEA.**  
It is that Babcock took these men of the State to be had sent to Washington, and the whole matter will be used as evidence against Babcock to show, in the first place, that he suppressed the documents submitted to the President, and in the second that he secretly stippled information to the King of the doings of his enemies.

**GRANT MADE FOR CONSPIRACY.**  
The story was told me not by Murdoch for he lives here in Maryland, but by an official of high standing. While Murdoch is inclined to think that the President never got this information, and that was intercepted by Babcock, this official declares that he knows the President did receive it, and that General Grant is also indebted to Murdoch for his position as President, and allowing information as to its receipt to be given to Joyce and McDowell. Mr. Dyer, a very obliging gentleman, who has a very high idea of official duty, declines to give a copy of Murdoch's statement on the ground that he will use it as evidence against the President. Murdoch, Mr. Henderson think that it incriminates the President, because there is no evidence that he received it, but he thinks that it is a very good thing that it does, and say so. There are even those who say that an effort will be made to procure an indictment against Murdoch for his position as President, and allowing information as to its receipt to be given to Joyce and McDowell.

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